

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 1-5 in continuation applications.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 6 for various informalities.

Applicants have amended claim 6 in accord with the Examiner's suggestions, which is deemed to obviate the objections to claim 6.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has objected to claim 6, but would otherwise allow this claim. Claims 7-10 are allowed. As claim 6 has been amended in accord with the Examiner's suggestion and claims 1-5 have been canceled, Applicants submit claims 6-10 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Poussin (US 5,202,097).

Applicants submit this rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-5 by this Amendment.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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